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The reply filed on January 10, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have not specifically pointed out why newly added claims 3-9 are patentable over the prior art. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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